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## Bulletin Board

We are now open for revivals. We have a big gospel tent which is fully equipped. Recently we closed a revival in Nashville in which the Lord surely blessed. Souls were saved, sanctified, filled with the mighty Holy Ghost and gloriously healed by the power of God. The Lord truly walked in our midst, and people were drawn closer to Him. If you would like to have us for a revival we would like to come. If you would like a reference, you may contact the Rev. Houston R. Morehead in Cleveland, Tennessee.—Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Homer Miller, Chattanooga, Tennessee, Telephone Madison 2-7923.

I am a widow and would like for some lady to make her home with me and help in the church work here. You may write me at the following address: Zona Blevins, Route 3, Box 111, Monticello, Kentucky.

## NOTICE!

The *Evangel* is interested in knowing who has attended most of the past Assemblies. Will you please write us, telling us the first Assembly you attended and how many you have been to since that time?

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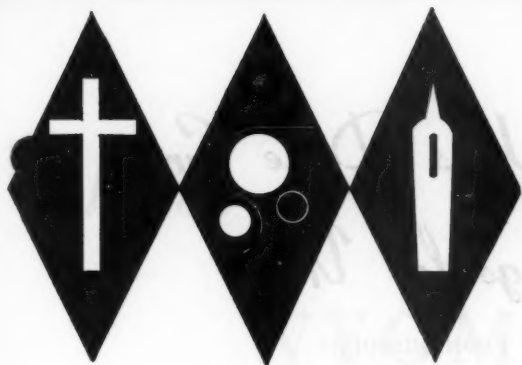
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# Editorial

## THE PAINFUL PROCESS OF GROWING UP

A GOOD MANY years ago I taught a Bible camp in one of our smaller states. The attendance was not large, but our fellowship was so wonderful it is one of the fondest memories I have today. Our discussions were informal and pleasant, with a closeness of fellowship that frequently extended our study beyond the hour of closing even to our tables at the lunch hour. We were a small, closely-knit group with love and interest and understanding that make up the tender, beginning phase of Christian living.

For several years the Bible classes were a high point of each summer, with quite a few others joining in as the annual camp grew. As others heard of our exciting study they attended in larger and larger numbers. I went back to that state a few years ago for another such meeting. How it had changed!

Instead of the compact group of 20 or 30 to 50, the Bible camp had swollen to several hundred. By necessity the study periods lost their informal, round-table atmosphere and became more restrained and purposefully organized. In short, we had grown so large that our study was less fun than it had been when we were smaller. The camp was doing more good, but it was having less fun doing it. That is one of the most painful aspects of growing up. We had to sacrifice some of the informal pleasure in order to attain a greater efficiency. To many of the "old-timers," the large present-day classes cannot compare in pleasure with the memories they have of the past.

Another incident reminded me recently of the painful process of growing up. Shortly after my conversion I read a book that thrilled me as few books have in my lifetime. Reading it was a happy experience that I have always remembered fondly. When I began reading it again several days ago, I was not only unable to enjoy it, but was surprised that I had ever enjoyed it. It had numerous theological errors that I was not aware of when I first read it, but that now stuck up to pain me like so many sore thumbs. I was left a little sad to realize that I had outgrown something that had once brought me such pleasure. It was fun to read without questioning and analyzing; it was dangerous but it was fun.

Growing up is a painful process. Some are not able to survive it; they hold to the past like a retarded

child clinging forever to some toy. Growth brings change from carefree pleasure to responsibility and obligation. This is no less true in the spiritual life than in the physical. A refusal to grow up or accept the fact of growing up simply because it is more pleasant, comfortable or carefree to remain small is sickness—a sickness just as real as that of the child who never grows up in body or in mind. It is a spiritual sickness wherever it is found, in the individual, in the local church, or in the Church general.



## CONVICTIONS AND PREJUDICES

DO YOU FEEL VERY strongly about certain things—either for or against them? It may be that you really have a heartfelt conviction about the matter—but there is an equal chance that you only have a prejudice. Prejudices are usually very bad, for that indicates that you have judged something before you heard both sides of it, and that you radically hold a view without any good reason. Convictions are good, for they are reached only after careful study and analysis of the subject; they are reached through the accumulation of facts and evidences. Keep your convictions, but discard your prejudices before they ruin you and others.

A good criterion by which to know a conviction from a prejudice is this: you can discuss a conviction in a private conversation with one of opposing views in calm, quiet conversational speech, when you must rely upon facts; but you cannot treat a prejudice so calmly, for, lacking facts, you must resort to loud speech, ranting, stubbornness or rudeness. Any belief you can promote from the pulpit better than in calm discussion with one person of opposite faith may prove to be merely a prejudice.

Consider the things that cause you strong feeling: the race question, politics, church denominations, church doctrines, or any other. Are your views really convictions, or are they prejudices? While your views may be good and proper, they still need to be founded upon the conviction that comes from cold reasoning. Hot-headed prejudices may be your undoing—for they are not worthy foundations. Do not depend upon bluster and emotion to prove your views. Be reasonable; arrive at sincere convictions; then stand on and for them.





Rev. B. E. Ellis, Overseer

As we glance backward over the period of time since the last General Assembly, we in Missouri can but come to the conclusion that "the Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

The state officials, together with the dedicated pastors and faithful lay members, have worked untiringly for Christ and the Church, but in the final analysis the increases that have come, and there has been a substantial growth, have come from the hand of a loving Father. The more than 1,448 persons who have been converted, the more than 475 persons who have been sanctified, the more than 389

# The Lord Has Done Great Things for Us

REPORT FROM MISSOURI

By Christopher Moree  
State Youth Director

persons who have received the Holy Ghost, and the more than 154 persons who were baptized in water are rejoicing today because of the wonderful plan of salvation and because Christ allowed some dedicated Christian worker in Missouri to come their way.

In a state which already boasts thousands of full-gospel churches, the Church of God has realized 4 new churches organized during this period. Four hundred thirty-three members have been added to the Church with a net gain of 83 members. In addition to the 48 churches, Missouri has 3 branch Sunday Schools with bright prospects of soon becoming organized churches.

In January of 1956 the Church of God was fortunate to purchase 30 acres of land for a state camp site for the very reasonable amount of \$750. Immediately part of the land was surveyed and sectioned into lots. A deep well was dug, and a powerful pump with a water storage tank was installed. A cafe-

teria, 30 x 50 feet, was constructed and furnished.

In the fall of 1956 construction was begun on the campground tabernacle. Although donated labor was used, the tabernacle was near completion for the 1957 camp meeting. Of steel and concrete construction, the 80 x 120 feet tabernacle actually cost just over \$15,000; but because the material was bought at less than wholesale and the labor was donated, construction experts have set its evaluation at \$30,000. Altogether we in Missouri have put almost \$30,000 into the development of our campground. Today the campground indebtedness is but \$10,000, and the plans are to liquidate that indebtedness in the next 5 years.

To comprehend that the Missouri Church of God could undertake such a tremendous task and bring it to its present state of completion is impossible without realizing that with God all things are possible. The state overseer and the State Council have kept a strict watch on the state treasury and have spent the money wisely. This, coupled with the untiring efforts of the ministers and lay members, has given Missouri a campground to be proud of, and one that will continue to serve the needs of the Church of God in Missouri for many years.

New church buildings have been constructed at Carthage, Cantwell, Ste. Genevieve, Dudley and Matthews with a combined evaluation of more than \$115,000. The church at Hurley has purchased a new building and remodeled it to meet its needs. A big step forward was taken recently in St. Louis by the Mississippi Avenue Church. Having outgrown their present building, the church has purchased the Lutheran Church building with educational building for \$45,000. The building is valued at \$80,000. The church at North St. Joseph has constructed a new parsonage, and many other churches have repaired and remodeled their church buildings and parsonages.

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St. Louis, Missouri

## Report on

# WYOMING

By C. W. Batson

Overseer



Rev. C. W. Batson



Evangelist Jennie Evans

Since June 10, 1956, there have been 3 churches established in Wyoming, with a total membership of 54. These churches are located in Casper, Cheyenne, and Wheatland. They own their buildings, equipped with Sunday School rooms as well as living quarters for the pastor. They are experiencing a continual growth with an average attendance of over 100 in Sunday School.

Casper is pastored by the Reverend R. C. Hicks, a capable minister of the gospel. The church property has been greatly improved and they are experiencing a growth in membership.

Cheyenne, home of the ballistic missile base, is pastored by the Reverend D. C. Swanson, a graduate of Northwestern Bible College, Minot, North Dakota.

In May of 1957, the general Executive Committee appointed me as overseer of Wyoming, and I am now residing in Wheatland, where I am serving as pastor.

Evangelist Jennie Evans is now evangelizing the churches in Wyoming. We are anticipating a new work soon in Torrington, under the leadership of Sister Evans.

Our camp meeting and convention will be conducted in Cheyenne, July 15-20. The Reverend Bill Brown of Wisconsin will be the night speaker and the Reverend James A. Cross will represent General Headquarters.

Wyoming has qualified for the grand prize in group No. 7 in the Publishing House contest. The *Evangel, Lighted Pathway*, Sunday School literature, and other supplies have helped us in our endeavor to reach the lost.

### WYOMING CAMP MEETING

W. J. Brown, Evangelist  
James A. Cross, Special Speaker  
1613 E. 22nd Street, Cheyenne  
JULY 15-20

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### MISSOURI CAMP MEETING

Ray H. Hughes, Evangelist  
George Alford, Bible Teacher  
Leadwood Campground  
JULY 14-19

### WESTERN CANADA CAMP MEETING

J. E. DeVore, Evangelist  
Earl P. Paulk, Special Speaker  
International Bible College, Estevan, Sask.  
JULY 15-20

# WISCONSIN—MINNESOTA

## *Gateway to the Northwest*

By W. J. Brown

*Overseer*

Wisconsin and Minnesota were again grouped together under one overseer at the last Assembly. These states are classified as mission states as they are not strong enough to support a state administration. Their state administration is supported largely by funds from our General Headquarters. At present there are 10 churches in Wisconsin and 2 in Minnesota, with a total membership of 442.

In many respects the situation at the last Assembly was somewhat bewildering to me. Six of the churches were without pastors. These were spread over an area of hundreds of miles. However, thanks to the hard and conscientious labor of the former overseer and, of course, the hand of God, I found a people who were eager to cooperate. The Lord has supplied us with good ministers who are working faithfully and unselfishly for the cause of Christ and His Church in this needy field. The need is generally a spiritual one, for these states possess as much natural beauty and resources as can be found almost anywhere. There is a tremendous amount of diversified industry in the cities and their farmlands are very fertile. Most of the population appear to be Catholic. However, in spite of difficulties, God is blessing His people.

The reports since last Assembly through February of this year show 169 saved, 65 sanctified, 27 filled with the Holy Spirit, 42 baptized in water, and 65 added to the Church. The tithe record shows an increase of 62%.

We have been very fortunate in securing evangelists. Among those who have conducted successful revivals are: Evelyn Zingmark, Zion, Ill.; C. B. Donohue, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Howard Hanley, Belton, S. C.; Byron Donahue, Chattanooga, Tenn.; George W. Alford, Dyersburg, Tenn.; and L. O. Vaught, Minot, N. D.

Last September Brother W. E. Johnson, Overseer of Georgia, and

his fine State Council, on behalf of the churches in Georgia, sent us five preachers who conducted simultaneous revivals. They were: Paul T. Stover, North Rome; Tommie Harper, Rossville; A. S. Yorkman, Marietta; Kelland Jeffords, Griffin; and Charles Clark, South Atlanta. Space will not permit an account of these meetings, but they were a great blessing to the work here in many ways. These brethren tell me that the experience was also a blessing to their ministry.

In May Brother W. C. Byrd, Overseer of Tennessee, and ten Tennessee preachers invaded Wisconsin for revivals. The state financed five of these men, including the overseer, state Sunday School and youth director, and three others whom the overseer selected. Then the following churches sent their pastors: North Chattanooga, Cleo Watts; North Cleveland, Floyd Timmerman; East Ridge (Chattanooga), Newby Thompson; Knoxville, Lloyd Jones; and Nashville, Marshall Roberson.

I am overwhelmed with the thoughtfulness of the state administration and these blessed churches. Surely God will not fail to bless such loving service. I sincerely trust that the example set by Georgia and Tennessee will become an annual occurrence in the state programs of all our larger states until all of our mission states will be getting experienced and competent evangelistic help each year from their "big brothers."

We have also been blessed with wonderfully spiritual monthly fellowship meetings. Some people drive 200 miles and more to attend these meetings. At the last 2 meetings there has been only standing room.

Another thing that has greatly helped our work here is the state youth camp. These camps were first started several years ago by the former overseer. Last year the total enrollment, including administra-



*Rev. W. J. Brown*

tion, was 100. We are expecting it to go higher this year. We are fortunate to be able to rent a beautiful camp site on Crooked Lake near Wausau, Wisconsin.

Two of our churches have won honors in church-sponsored contests. Last year Mosinee, Wisconsin, with Ben Norris, pastor, won third prize in the Publishing House Contest. This year Antigo, Wisconsin, and their pastor, Clifford Elliott, won the grand prize in the Sunday School Contest sponsored by the National Sunday School and Youth Department of the Church.

There is also much to be thankful for from a material standpoint. We now have only 4 churches without a parsonage. We have secured 3 parsonages since the Assembly. The Kenosha, Wisconsin, Church remodeled an addition to the church building and furnished a nice four-room parsonage.

With the help of General Headquarters we have purchased our first church property in Milwaukee. It is located in a good section of town and consists of an auditorium, nursery, full basement, and a six-room modern apartment for a parsonage. The total cost was only \$15,000. James L. Tharp is the pastor.

On the front cover is the picture of the new Minneapolis Church which was purchased last fall for the low sum of \$25,000. It is located in a nice residential area and is beautifully arranged. It would cost over \$100,000 to build a building like it today. It is in excellent repair, having been occupied by the Bethel Covenant Church until they moved into their new building only



a few weeks before we moved into this one. The building is 66 feet square and has an auditorium and balcony seating a total of 500. The windows are colored art glass. It has a very nice pastor's study, Sunday School office and choir room, a full daylight basement with a large kitchen and dining room, and an auditorium for prayer meetings, Sunday School space, and social gatherings. A four-room apartment in the building has been remodeled and converted into a lovely six-room parsonage with private entrance. The Y.P.E. has bought a new grand piano. An active L.W.W.B. is of considerable financial assistance.

The church sold its old building and Headquarters allowed us to sell the old state parsonage and borrow the proceeds without interest. The 1958 State Convention will be at this church June 5-8. It is located at the corner of 25th Avenue and E. 22nd Street.

Without help from our Headquarters we would not have these fine buildings in Milwaukee and Minneapolis, both centers of teeming thousands of people who need the Church of God message. This points up the advantages of our present organized system of finance.

The church at Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, on the banks of the Mississippi, is planning a dedicatory service in their new building very soon now. It is valued at approximately \$17,000. They only owe about \$3,000. Thank the Lord for Terry Sellers and his 13 members and their friends!

The church at Herman, Minnesota, has completed an extensive remodeling job on their parsonage, amounting to approximately \$2,500. A new bath was installed, a utility room added, built-in cabinets installed in the kitchen, and other remodeling was done. They plan to build a vestibule and tower on the front of the church this spring. The pastor, Tom Haley, was recently chosen Scoutmaster of the town troop 156 by the troop committee of the sponsoring group, the local P.T.A.

An acre lot was donated to the Pleasant Valley, Wisconsin, Church on state highway 64. The church and parsonage were located on a dead-end gravel road. Brother Ronald Eskins, the pastor, and his people built basements on the new lot and had both buildings moved to the new location. After they were moved both were redecorated.

The Antigo, Wisconsin, Church has installed a new rest room and a new kitchen in the church basement.

In Crandon, Wisconsin, where Jack L. Gray is pastor, they have installed a new furnace in the church and installed the former

church furnace in the parsonage. They have also put new insulwood siding on the church building and plan to add a vestibule and new pews before long.

The Mosinee, Wisconsin Church has had a new well dug and a new pump installed which is now supplying an adequate amount of good water to their nicely furnished parsonage. New living room and bedroom furniture has been purchased since the Assembly.

We were happy to license William Sandoval who came to us from another Pentecostal church with high recommendation from his general superintendent. We have high hopes for his efforts as the new pastor at Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

We were also glad to welcome from Montana Brother James R. Lafferty to the pastorate of the Green Bay, Wisconsin Church. Brother Lafferty is well liked in Green Bay and we expect the church to prosper under his pastorate.

Brother Earl Schultze has moved to Jenkins, Minnesota, and has organized our first Sunday School in northern Minnesota. He is pastoring a group of people who are presently worshipping in a community church. We are praying for an organized church there.

We are also planning for another church in Minneapolis or St. Paul. At present I am preaching as opportunity affords for an independent holiness group who have a building in Wausaw and have expressed an interest in uniting with the Church of God.

I have found it to be true that God's Word is not bound but will bring forth a harvest anywhere it is sown.

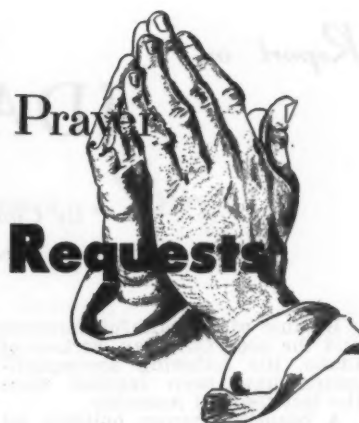
Men are naturally tempted by the devil, but an idle man positively tempts the devil.—Spanish Proverb.

He who learns the rules of wisdom without conforming to them in his life is like a man who ploughs in his field but does not sow.—As Saadi.

A little philosophy inclineth man's mind to athelism, but depth in philosophy bringeth man's mind about to religion.—Francis Bacon.

No man can tell whether he is rich or poor by turning to his ledger. It is the heart that makes a man rich. He is rich according to what he is, not according to what he has.—Henry Ward Beecher.

It is not enough to be busy; so are the ants. The question is: What are we busy about?—Henry David Thoreau.



Pray for Mr. Ralph Smith to be healed of acute leukemia. Pray for my unsaved children.

—Mrs. Allen Frost  
Hebert, Louisiana

Pray for Rev. A. J. Clements, of Marietta, Georgia, who has been in the hospital for 6 weeks.

Pray that my son-in-law can find work; pray for my unsaved children and for me to be healed.

—Mrs. Cecil Ledford  
Moorhead, Mississippi

Pray for an unspoken request.

—Mrs. Dan Hebert  
Biloxi, Mississippi

Pray for Mrs. Elaine Dennis who has cancer.

—Mrs. R. R. Adair  
Vinemont, Alabama

Pray for my daughter Lois Kirk who was critically burned in a gas explosion June 7.—Mrs. Mae Travis  
Middletown, Ohio

Pray that God will place me in his will another year.—Grace Grant  
Max Meadows, Va.

Pray that God will heal my baby's throat infection and a special unspoken request.

—Mrs. Opal A. Cotton  
Bronx 42, N. Y.

Pray for my brother to be healed. He was crippled from a fall.

—James Thompson  
Detroit 9, Mich.

Pray for the healing of a serious nervous condition in my body.

—Edna Smith  
Leadwood, Mo.

# Report on

# IDAHO

By Charles Tilley

Overseer

Because of the faithful ministers and the good Christian workers of Idaho, the following accomplishments have been realized since the last General Assembly:

A beautiful corner building lot has been purchased in the city of Coeur d'Alene under the ministry of Brother Bobby G. Coffey.

A new church building has been built in the city of Wallace. Brother James B. Watts, pastor, and his local people have built the entire building by themselves.

A Sunday School annex has been built to the Sandpoint Church. Brother James B. Loer has supervised and built this addition with the help of the members.

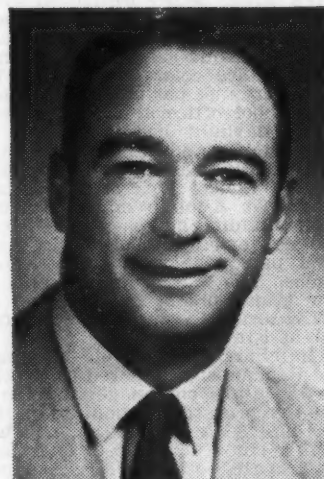
Sunday School rooms were begun in Caldwell while Brother Duskin E. Keller was the pastor and finished under the ministry of Brother John Daniel.

The parsonage in Winchester was made larger and more convenient by Brother Robert Halstead, pastor.

A new church has been organized in Boise by Brother Duskin E. Keller. A beautiful church was purchased in this our capital city and we feel that it is one of the nicest church buildings in the entire Northwest. The average attendance in Sunday School is 60.

A new church has been organized in Rose Lake under the pastorate of Brother Jessie Hael. A building has been purchased and remodeled to serve as church and parsonage. The first floor serves as the church sanctuary and Sunday School rooms and the second floor serves as the parsonage. The average attendance in Sunday School is 60.

There has been an increase of



Rev. Charles Tilley

\$50,000 made in our church property value because of the above mentioned projects. The fact that makes us all feel good about the improvements is the amount owed on these projects which amounts to approximately \$19,200.

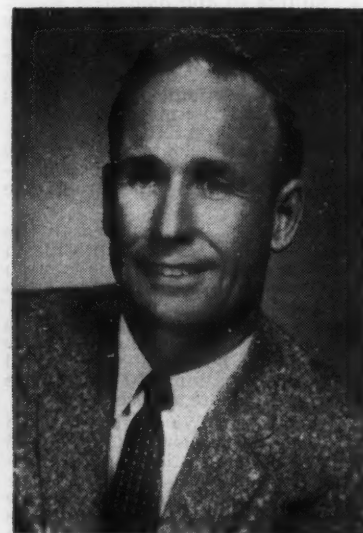
The people of Idaho have been blessed with many spiritual blessings from the presence of the Lord. The following is a listing of some of the benefits realized:

Converted	251
Sanctified	125
Filled with the Holy Ghost	48

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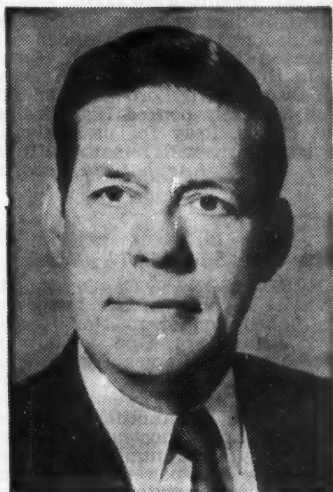


Boise, Idaho



Rev. Duskin E. Keller





Rev. D. L. Lemons

The Arizona story is not one that focuses glamour to one administration or to some isolated instances, but it is one of continuous healthful growth.

The immediate former administration had carried on in such a sound businesslike manner that I found the church in Arizona to be a wholesome, progressive Christian

enterprise. After the same manner, those associated with me and I have sought to carry on and God has rewarded the efforts with a 5 per cent increase in membership and 2 new churches. We have a new church building at East Tucson, a new church building and parsonage at Flagstaff, a new all-purpose building at Bisbee, and a new church building now under construction at San Manuel. Other churches have acquired additional property and made substantial property improvements.

Arizona has 1,135 members, 40

ministers, 23 churches, 22 church houses and 16 parsonages. This term Arizona had 8 students in Lee College and 7 in West Coast Bible College. Arizona has an extension department of Lee College with 30 students. This is under the leadership of E. C. Christenbury and Winston Elliott. Arizona has an enthusiastic and progressive youth program which is being carried on under the direction of Joe C. Anderson.

With work for today and preparation for tomorrow, Arizona moves confidently forward.

## THE LORD HAS DONE GREAT THINGS FOR US

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Realizing the great need among the ministers for further training and instruction, Brother B. E. Ellis, Overseer of Missouri, changed the program of the annual state prayer and Bible conference to include lectures and study courses on specific subjects of real value to our ministers. Questions were asked by the lecturers, and certificates awarded to those ministers who made a passing grade. Now that two prayer and Bible conferences have been conducted in this way, the results seem to indicate that this program has been helpful to the Missouri ministers.

Our churches have become more conscious of their youth as the State Sunday School and Youth Department has vigorously presented and promoted the entire program of the National Sunday School and Youth Department. This program has been supplemented by new ideas originated in Missouri. Not only has an increase been realized numerically, but also many churches have come to realize that the quality of teaching must also improve. Thus they have

diligently studied the Workers' Training Courses for the Sunday School workers and the Youth Leaders' Training Course for youth workers. The state youth camps have been of especial benefit to the youth, and many have been converted as a result.

With the coming of the General Assembly, the limitations of office will necessitate the leaving of our beloved state overseer. In his four years in Missouri, Brother Ellis has captured the love and respect of the ministers and lay members. His sound doctrine, his great love for the Church and his dauntless efforts for Christ and the Church have given the Church of God in Missouri a solid growth that will continue into the future. There is a general feeling among our people that our greatest victories in Christ lie not behind us, but in the future as we continue to put our trust in Him who has already done great things for us.

## REPORT ON IDAHO

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Added to the Church	(net 44)	94
Baptized in water		25

The growth has been slow, but we hope and pray that it has been one that will last. There are 1,000 more people attending our Sunday Schools this year over last year. Our prayer to God is that all of these people who are unsaved will come to God and join our churches.

A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver. —Proverbs 25:11.

If you would reform the world from its errors and vices, begin by enlisting the mothers.—C. Simmons.

The time when I was converted was when religion became no longer a mere duty, but a pleasure. —Professor Lincoln.

Be sure to put your feet in the right place and then stand firm. —Abraham Lincoln.

Why should anyone hear the gospel twice before everyone has heard it once?—Oswald J. Smith.

# revivals



## Conversions Nearing One Thousand Mark in West Virginia

BECKLEY, W. Va.—Nationwide revival a success in West Virginia. Majority of the churches cooperated; conversions near one thousand mark; report still coming in. Water baptisms and church additions greatest number on record so far.

—G. C. Hamby, overseer

## Young People Are Blessed by Revival

LEADWOOD, Mo.—We had a good revival at the Leadwood Church of God from April 6 to the 27th. To me it was the best revival in the six years I have been in the Church. Eleven were saved, 9 sanctified, 9 filled with the Holy Ghost, 4 added to the Church and 13 baptized in water. Many were refilled with the blessings of the Lord. People were healed in almost every service. It thrilled me to see our young people staying until 11 and 12 o'clock praising God and speaking in tongues.

Our good pastor, Rev. Lyle Jackson, blessed our souls with wonderful preaching under the anointing of God for the first week. The next two weeks Rev. J. D. Richardson from Pittsburg, Kansas, was with us and God blessed in every service. The Holy Ghost was in every message. Brother Richardson will bless you with his good singing and preaching. We thank God for being so good to us.

—Charles A. Douglas, reporter

## Services Are Anointed of God

DONALSONVILLE, Ga.—I would like to report the wonderful revival which we have just had in our church. We began on April 13 and ran for 2 weeks; the Lord was very real during that time. The very first night the mighty Holy Ghost took control and from then on the services were anointed of God. Surely it was good to be in the house of the Lord. People were saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, and the whole

church was blessed. Some were healed also. The Lord is helping us get a church established in this place, for which we are thankful. Pray for us that we will ever be used of God to bring the lost and dying to a loving Saviour.

Sister Lora Dunn of the Dothan Church did the preaching; any church would be blessed to have her for a revival. We are praying for every minister, member and official of the Church that God will ever pour out His wonderful blessings on us until we gather in heaven never to part again.

We love the Church and are glad of the wonderful work it is doing in the name of Jesus of Calvary, the Son of God who died on the cross to bring us this wonderful salvation we are enjoying today.

Our church is located in Pansey, Alabama, Shady Grove.

—U. E. McClendon, reporter

## Great Revival at Durst Avenue

GREENWOOD, S. C.—At the Durst Avenue Church of God we have closed the greatest revival since my pastorate here. The revival continued from April 7 through May 4 with Rev. Johnny Warren as the evangelist. Nineteen were saved, 12 sanctified, 7 filled with the Holy Ghost, 7 added to the Church and 5 were definitely healed.

—H. T. Durden, pastor

## Senior in High School Conducts Great Revival

WOODRUFF, S. C.—A two-week revival, April 6 to April 20, has just closed at the Woodruff Church of God, where Rev. Oscar Volkman is the pastor. The results of the revival were wonderful and we are still rejoicing. Our evangelist, Brother Lamar Vest of Laurens, South Carolina, is a senior at Ford High School this year. God has gloriously blessed this young man as an evangelist, and from the results of all the revivals he has conducted, it is easy to see that he is a God sent man. We highly recommend him to any church for a

revival. Twenty were saved, 9 sanctified, 5 filled with the Holy Ghost, 4 added to the Church and 6 or 7 reported they were healed.

On the last night of the revival we observed the Lord's supper, and God certainly poured His blessings out on us. Pray for us that this revival spirit will remain with us.

—Joseph Lyda, reporter

## Fifty-nine Saved in 1½ Weeks

HENDERSON, N. C.—One of the greatest revivals in the history of the South Henderson, North Carolina, Church of God is now in progress. Rev. James Poe Jackson of Hixson, Tennessee, is the evangelist. In just 1½ weeks 59 have been saved, 32 sanctified, 31 filled with the Holy Ghost and 30 added to the Church. A number have been healed by the power of God and large crowds are attending from as far away as 85 miles. The Lord is really pouring out His Spirit in these last days whereof we are glad.

—D. A. Hensley, pastor

## God Uses Fifteen-Year-Old Girl

JONESVILLE, N. C.—Sister Linda King, daughter of Rev. Horace King, came to Jonesville for a week-end meeting for our Y.P.E. This week-end meeting broke into a good revival.

There was a wonderful spirit in the services. Sister King felt, as the church did, that she should stay another week. In the 10 days that she could stay with us, 11 were saved, 4 sanctified, 2 filled with the Holy Ghost and 4 added to the Church. Although she is only a fifteen-year-old girl, God is using her mightily for the salvation of souls. She is a good evangelist and will do any church good.

—Frank Petrucelli, pastor

## Power of God Present in Revival

BUSHNELL, Fla.—The Bushnell Church of God has just closed a revival. Sister Eula Mae Williams was the evangelist; an obedient servant of God. Eight were filled with the Holy Ghost, 9 baptized in water, and 6 were added to the Church. To God be all the praise. Rev. George Franklin is the pastor.

—Sister Young and Sister Franklin, reporters

## Church Revived

LEXINGTON, Ky.—We had a wonderful three-week revival. Eight were reclaimed and one was

saved. Rev. Matthew Jackson, the evangelist, did some wonderful preaching, and the church was revived. Any church would do well to have Brother Jackson for a revival. Rev. W. A. McCullah is the pastor here at the Patterson Creek Church of God.

—Mrs. Kathleen Siter, clerk

### Twenty-two Saved in Texas Revival

PASADENA, Tex.—The Pasadena Church of God enjoyed one of its greatest revivals with evangelist Alvis Strickland. Every night the congregation was blessed by the anointed preaching of the Word of God. During the three and a half weeks of revival several were healed, 22 saved, 15 sanctified, 7 filled with the Holy Ghost and 4 baptized in water. The larger part of our congregation was our young people. The meetings brought a spiritual awakening to the church. Brother W. F. Ainsworth is our pastor. —Donna Ainsworth, reporter

### Thirty-two Saved in Roderfield

RODERFIELD, W. Va.—On Wednesday, April 23, 1958, we began a revival which will be long remembered at the Church of God at Roderfield, West Virginia. The Rev. Walter Atkinson did the preaching, and God certainly did use him for His service. Services continued for 12 nights in which time 32 were saved, 7 sanctified, 6 filled with the Holy Ghost, 28 baptized in water, and 25 added to the Church. Sunday night, May 4 was the closing service and a crowning one from God. Two came forward to accept Christ; one of whom was E. B. Shannon of Roderfield, who served as a state delegate for the State of West Virginia for a period of 6 years. We of the Roderfield Church of God are proud of our church and thankful for what God has done in this great revival. Some say it is the greatest Roderfield ever experienced.

We wish to say also that our pastor and his wife are certainly wonderful people. Brother John R. White has been our pastor for over 4 years, and under his able leadership the church has truly grown. Space would not permit our saying all the good things and the advancement the church has experienced during his pastorate. Truly this was God's great visitation. Anyone desiring to contact Brother Atkinson for a revival may write him at the Church of God Publishing House, Cleveland, Tennessee.

—Christol Shannon, reporter

### God Especially Blesses in Revival

WAR, W. Va.—We are happy to report the wonderful revival which is one of the greatest in the history of the Church of God at War, West Virginia. Brother Johnny Warren of Michigan, was the evangelist. His messages were anointed by the Holy Ghost each evening. He was a great inspiration to all.

Seventy were saved, 45 sanctified, 30 filled with the Holy Ghost, 24 baptized in water and 30 added to the Church. Many experienced outstanding healings.

The Lord was present in every service to manifest Himself in a wonderful way. The building was filled each evening, where young people as well as older people and children were seeking the Lord. Sweethearts came to God! Families came to God! All of our hearts were stirred to a deeper consecration. The church was greatly blessed, reaching out to the other churches on the district. All previous Sunday School records were broken with 328 in attendance. Our young people's services and prayer meetings have doubled in attendance since the glorious revival.

We also want to thank God for our wonderful pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister A. J. Gardner. They are a blessing to each of us and are great workers in the church.

—Dorcas Overbay, reporter

### Evangelist Is Blessing to Church

GARDENDALE, Ala.—We would like to report our revival which closed Saturday night, April 19. One was saved, 1 sanctified, 2 were filled with the Holy Ghost and 2 added to the Church. Brother Miles Goodwin, pastor of the Warrior Church, was our evangelist. There was not a dull service. His bright smiles and wonderful messages from night to night were delightful. The people are still rejoicing. Brother Goodwin will do any church good. He surely is a great man of God. The liveliest part of each service was the preaching hour.

—Carl McCrary, reporter

### Preaching Brings Spirit of Rededication

CAMPAIGN, Tenn.—I want to report a revival that we had at the Campaign, Tennessee, Church of God from April 6-20. The church was wonderfully blessed by the preaching of Brother Walter Atkinson of Cleveland, Tennessee. The manner in which he preached the Word has caused a spirit of

rededication and consecration in our church which I believe is going to continue until we have a great harvest of souls here. Sunday night, May 4, 1 person received the Holy Ghost baptism, and almost everyone at church received a renewing of His wonderful power.

—Joseph F. Sharp, pastor

### Forty-five Saved in "Greatest Revival"

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—The greatest revival the Newport Church of God ever had was conducted by the Rev. J. E. Smeltzer, nationally known evangelist. This revival was accomplished through much fasting and prayer, with Brother Smeltzer doing great preaching. Forty-five were saved, 16 sanctified, 16 filled with the Holy Ghost and 26 added to the Church. Many are to be baptized in water.

We highly recommend Brother Smeltzer to any church. He wants to stay in this state. Anyone who secures him will be greatly blessed. For recommendation, call W. C. Byrd, Overseer.

—K. R. Phillips, pastor

### Special Music Blessing to Church

ROCKY MOUNT, N. C.—We have just closed a great revival at the South Rocky Mount Church. It was conducted by our pastor, the Rev. J. R. Easom. The attendance was remarkable throughout the entire three weeks. We were blessed each night with special music by the Master's Three trio, the Masterettes Trio; there were also solos, duets and instrumental numbers.

There were 22 saved, 12 sanctified, 7 filled with the Holy Ghost and 10 added to the Church. Truly we praise the Lord for this great revival.

—Randolph S. Strickland, clerk

### Evangelist and Companion Are a Blessing to Church

CHEROKEE FALLS, S. C.—I am indeed happy to report the great revival we just had. The evangelist was Brother Leonard of the South Gastonia Church of God. He and his faithful companion were truly a blessing.

Almost all of the young people of the church made a start for God. The power of God was greatly demonstrated and people were healed. Ten were converted, 9 sanctified and 5 filled with the Holy Ghost.

Pray for us that God will continue to bless and give us more souls. —Louise Wisher, reporter





# healing

## Praises God for Healing Power

PELHAM, Ga.—Tonight as I sit in my home meditating on the great and wonderful Healer of our bodies, Saviour of our souls, Keeper, Bless-er, Baptizer and our coming King, my mind goes back to May, 1923, when God raised me from the bed of affliction and divinely healed me. I promised the Lord if He would heal me I would give Him the praise. He not only healed me, but He also gave me salvation. Through all these years I have praised Him for what He did for me and for His blessings and healing of my loved ones. Glory to His matchless name. Truly He is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother. He has been a real friend to me, and I have tried to be a friend to Jesus.

In December, 1956, I became afflicted. Many prayers were prayed for me and much money was spent as I was in the hospital. I was in a bad condition. I suffered much pain, and my leg itched terribly from a sore caused by skinning it. Also, an ulcer came on my left ankle. The sore on the ankle healed, but the one on my leg was a running sore and would not heal. When the skin grew over the sore, it threw the poison over all my system, and the pus would ooze through the pores of the skin around the sore. I thought I was getting better, but by February, 1958, I was in a very bad condition. I thank and praise God for sending our pastor, Brother LeRoy Johnson, and Brother Gordon Prince, a retired Church of God minister, to my home.

They talked and read Scripture, and I read Scripture and asked them to pray for me. God divinely healed me of my afflictions, and I went to bed and slept like a baby, with all pain and that awful itching gone.

I have been happy ever since. I feel good in my soul and body and praise God for healing me. Both the 1923 and 1958 healings are miracles. Yes, God is a prayer-answering God.

I also praise God for rescuing my son from the Pacific Ocean when his ship was bombed in World War II. I praise God for undertaking

in our son's home. He and his wife and two little girls are enjoying good health.

My mother is in a wheel chair. She will be 82 years of age in August. Pray for God to undertake for her and give her great strength in the Lord. I praise God for healing my loved ones through these years. I praise God for the dear Church of God. May God bless everyone. Pray for us. The Lord is blessing us at Pelham, Georgia. Pray for our revival. —Mrs. Joe C. Sellars, Sr.

## Praises God for His Goodness and Mercy

TAMPA, Fla.—Oh, I give praises to our Saviour for He is the greatest Physician that the world has ever known or ever will know. I thank Him for His goodness and mercy to us and for His wonderful healing power.

I was very sick a few months ago and I laid the *Evangel* on my body and promised the Lord that if He would heal me, I would send my testimony in to the *Evangel*. He wonderfully healed me, praise His holy name forever. I love Him so very much; I do thank Him for healing me many times when I was sick. I can never praise Him enough for what He has done for me. Please pray that I will be just what He wants me to be and stay true to Him until He comes or calls. I have been living for Him over 30 years and the way grows sweeter all the time.

Please pray that our children will be saved. We have a daughter and a son and would like to see their companions saved also.

—Sister Mae Franklin

## Healed After Placing "Evangel" on Throat

PERRY, Fla. — I promised the Lord I would write this testimony if He would heal me. The other night I felt as if I were taking the influenza and my throat was so sore. At the time I was reading one of the *Evangel*s my mother had

given me, and I read the testimony of a lady who had been healed when she placed the *Evangel* on her body. Even though I am a sinner I thought if God could heal her by doing that, then I also had faith to believe I would be healed. The instant I placed the *Evangel* on my throat I began to feel better; I slept all night with it on my body and the next morning I knew the Lord had healed me.

He is so good to us. If only people would believe they would be healed. Please pray for me and my family to be saved, also my husband to be healed of a nervous stomach. Pray also for my mother, Mrs. W. S. Weatherford, of Ocala, Florida, to be healed. She is a faithful member of the Church of God there and I know God can heal her and my husband.

I go to the Church of God here in Perry, Florida. Brother Price is our pastor and he is a wonderful man of God. —Mrs. Roy Anderson

## Healed of Rheumatic Fever

WARNER ROBINS, Ga.—I was very ill for sometime with rheumatic fever and had been in the hospital, but I have been completely healed by the power of God. When the doctors had said I would never be able to work again, my church, the Church of God at Warner Robins, Georgia, and the Crichton Church of God in Mobile, Alabama, along with my faithful parents, prayed and God completely healed me. I am at work again and doing fine.

—Joseph M. Howell

## God Heals Breaking Out on Face

BRUNSWICK, Ga.—I want to praise the Lord for healing my face. I had some breaking out and I put medicine on it for about a week. Then I asked the Lord to heal it and didn't put anything else on it. Praise the Lord it was healed in a few days. Pray for me and my family. —Ruby Crews

## Has Been Healed of Many Afflictions

RALEIGH, N. C.—I thank every brother and sister who has been praying for me. I know the church members of North Carolina have been praying for me. I am not completely well, but I know the Lord can heal me. I want to be healed so I can go to church again. If the Lord hadn't healed me in January I wouldn't be here now. He healed me of pneumonia. My nerves and chest are my trouble now. The

Lord has healed me many times of broken bones and convulsions. I know He can now if it is His will. He healed me of arthritis in the back. I fell in January and fractured my chest and the Lord healed me. I am still saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. I have been a child of the King since I was 8 years old and I am 61 now. I have been a Christian for 54 years. I want you all to keep praying for me. I am still praising God for what He has done for me.

Pray for my daughter. God is my great physician and I love the Lord more and more every day.

—Mrs. Frances Grice

### Child's Life Is Spared by Hand of God

CLEARWATER, Fla.—I wish to praise the Lord for His mighty power, for He took my baby out of the jaws of death on April 29. I was in my dining room washing dishes and I heard my neighbor start his car. Only God could have caused me to go to the front door. As I looked out, he was backing his car out. I thought, "Where is my baby." I looked at his back wheel, and his left tire was already on her feet. It appeared that he was on her body. I called to him to stop and pull up, and he did so by the guiding of God's hand. She was spared and we do praise the Lord for what He has done for us. Only God saved her. We took her to the hospital for X-rays and there wasn't even a bone crooked. She is celebrating her third birthday today.

Pray for our unsaved boys.

—Mamie Lee Hewett

### Had Six Months to Live

BROWNFIELD, Tex.—I want to testify how the Lord so wonderfully healed my body last winter. I was so sick I couldn't eat anything at times except a little water. I was in bed most of the time for two months. Our pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister Mitchell, were wonderful. They came and prayed day and night; the church prayed and other churches prayed. The doctor said I had sugar diabetes, gall bladder trouble, and heart trouble. He said I only had about six months to live, but the saints kept praying for me. The Lord wonderfully healed my body, and I praise Him so much for it. God will heal us right at home when we trust Him. I just can't praise Him enough for what He has done for me, bless His good

name. It has been almost four months since He healed me, and I am still healed and can eat anything I want.

—Bessie Mack

### Praises God for His Healing Power

ENOREE, S. C.—I want to send my testimony to praise God for His healing power. I have trouble with my legs hurting me. The other night they were hurting so badly I couldn't turn without pain, and I said "Dear God, heal these pains and I will write a testimony about your healing power." Although I am not a member of the Church of God, I do believe in healing. This isn't the first time that members of my family have been healed. I desire the prayers of every one that my husband will be saved.

—J. B.

### Lord Moves Pain After Placing "Evangel" on Body

CHIEFLAND, Fla.—For some time I had had a terrible pain in my body. The other night I was unable to sleep for the pain. I did not want to disturb my husband and mother, so I prayed the best that I could for myself but seemed not to get any help. I had a copy of the *Evangel* by my bed so I placed it on my body and asked the Lord to move the pain. I told Him I knew that His words were in the *Evangel* and that it was written by His ministers. The next thing I remembered, it was nearly morning and the Lord had moved the pain. I told Him that if He would, I would write to the *Evangel*.

—Margaret Heath

### Healed of Sugar Diabetes

OKEECHOBEE, Fla.—I thank the Lord for His wonderful healing power but most of all for saving and sanctifying my soul. My sickness started in December, 1956. I came home from the hospital on Christmas Eve night. I promised the Lord while I was in the hospital that I would start going to church and live for Him if He would pull me through. The Lord was so merciful, but I went back on my promise. I also went back to the hospital in the latter part of January, 1957. There I made the same promise to the Lord and also went back on it. I entered the hospital again in August for an emergency operation and there I was ashamed to make the Lord another promise. I just prayed that He would not take me away unprepared to die. When I came home from the hospital that time I began to have dreams of hell and of

fire and that it was for me if I didn't change. But I still didn't go to church. I thought that I just couldn't give up the worldly pleasures, but they were nothing compared to the wonderful pleasure I get out of serving Jesus.

I guess the Lord knew what it would take to save me. I soon could not eat or sleep. I was afraid to go to sleep at night for fear that I would not wake up. I had made the Lord so many promises and had broken them that I thought maybe it was too late for me to be saved, but I'm so thankful that it wasn't. On February 28 the Lord saved my soul. When my husband came home from work at 5 p.m., my feet had begun to get numb and the numbness began to go all over my body. I couldn't see, so my husband put me in the car to take me to the doctor. I realized I didn't need a doctor, but we were already at his office. I told my husband that if I died I couldn't see a doctor and that I wanted to go to Brother and Sister Long's. They prayed for me and the Lord wonderfully touched my body and saved my soul through their prayer. My husband, while they were praying, got the doctor and he said every vein in my body had collapsed. The next day I had my blood checked and found that I had sugar in my blood. I was put on a very strict diet. Since then I have been sanctified and joined the Church of God. On Friday night, April 18, I went to the altar to seek the Holy Ghost. I would try to pray, but every time something would say to have Brother Long anoint me and I did. Anyone who has been healed knows what a wonderful experience it was. I felt God's healing power from my head down to my feet. I didn't know for sure that I was healed until Brother Long told me that I was healed if I would accept it. Today I would stake my life on anything that he would tell you about your soul or the healing of your body because I have never seen anyone that lives as close to the Lord as Brother Long does.

I went back to the doctor to prove that I was healed, and he was really amazed that he didn't find any sugar in my blood. I was not surprised because what the Lord makes whole is whole. There just isn't enough time left for me to praise and thank the Lord for what He has done for me. My greatest desire is to let my light shine out and to help lost souls find Jesus before it is too late.

—Mrs. Joann Walker

Attested by H. M. Long, pastor

God leads the Christian by means of the Holy Spirit, but the Holy Spirit never works apart from the Word of God.



# family devotions



By MRS. G. R. WATSON, Atlanta, Georgia

## OUR THOUGHT LIFE

Memory verse: "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report . . . THINK on these things," Philippians 4:8.

Monday, July 14

Scripture, Proverbs 4:23

Our thoughts control our lives; we are what we *think*. Everything we say and do is first conceived in the mind. Let us keep a watch over the "doorposts" of our minds—with all diligence. "Those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and defile the man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders (whoever hateth his brother is a murderer), adulteries, fornication, thefts, false witness, blasphemies—these are the things which defile a man." Blessed are the pure in heart. It has been said that our *thoughts* speak louder in heaven than our words do on the earth. Yes, God sees our *thoughts* afar off and we shall give an account of them at the judgment.

Father, give us grace and power to keep our thoughts under subjection and our hearts pure.

Tuesday, July 15

Scripture, Proverbs 23:7

*Thought* is one of the most powerful forces on earth. It is a force that operates in the lives of men, affecting the whole being—spiritual, mental, and physical. We read of the power of suggestion, especially in connection with the healing of disease. Many who know nothing of the power of God to heal practice "mind over matter," the philosophy of mental law in healing, and results are surprising. Physicians have come to see the power of *thought* and are using suggestion in their practice with marked results. If thought can be so effective in the natural mind, then it can be much more in the spiritual mind controlled by the mind of Christ.

Thoughts shape the character, mould the face—in lines pleasing or otherwise—move the nerves, influence circulation and heart action. *Thoughts* work silently within, either for good or for evil, health or disease, life or death. Note the word *dis-ease*. Restlessness and emotional upsets of mind cause about 80 percent of sickness. *Thoughts* impel our words and motivate our actions. Our prayers be-

come potent or powerless according to our *thinking*. Faith is lost through wrong *thinking*. When a loved one is sick *think* of healing, health and life; refuse to think of disease and death. Hold *right thinking*—the Word of God over him instead of fear and doubt. Job said the thing he feared came upon him. Confess God's Word and stand on His promises.

Remember the mind that is *stayed on God is kept in perfect peace*. " . . . And if my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will."

We pray, our Father, for the power of right thinking, which is the basic and controlling principle of life.

Wednesday, July 16

Scripture, Proverbs 16:3

One writer said: "The mind has been likened to the room of a house where visitors are entertained. All the visitors to one's three-fold being come in through the mind, then drop down into the spirit and get root, then possess the whole man. Thoughts are bold and daring things, strong and persistent. Like armed men they force themselves into the mind. They come enticingly, they come insinuatingly, they come threateningly—they come in a thousand ways. They come singly, they come in droves. Some wait at the door of the mind and push and crowd to get in while the room is full. They keep up a din and chatter and strain the nerves and chill the heart. Fear dashes into the mind and captures and holds us fast. A thought knocks at the door of the mind—it is admitted and entertained. The result: passion hatred, criticism, jealousy, pride and what-have-they possess the whole being and sin and shame follow. Anxiety, nervousness, and doubt, as full of death as hell itself, is let in and consulted with, and blows out every light and fills the room with darkness." These are days of fear, anxiety and perplexity—men's hearts falling them for fear . . . but thanks be unto God who always causes us to triumph in Christ, we can have victory in our *thought*

life. Keep the blood over the "doorposts" of the mind.

We thank Thee, our Father, that we can be kept by the power of God.

Thursday, July 17

Scripture, Psalm 56:5

David felt the thoughts of his enemies against him. Thoughts are powerful, subtle, potent forces that reach our friends' as well as our enemies' minds. We entertain in our minds critical thoughts toward one another—thoughts unexpressed to any one. We put on a bold front and exchange courteous greetings. Yet the feeling of fellowship does not "click" and we wonder. God looks on the thoughts (heart). One might say, "I just don't care for that person; I don't hate him but. . . . If I treat him all right I guess that is all God will require of me." That is passive love. You might not ever say an evil word to or about that person, but you might be surprised to know just how much they feel that passive love. Let us love one another with a pure heart, fervently. The Lord removed our transgressions from us as far as the East is from the West, and we must do likewise to those who transgress against us. Is it easier for us to believe a bad report on our brother than it is a good one? If so, something is wrong with our love; our thinking is not in line with the love of Christ. Love thinketh no evil. Do we forgive—in our hearts—those who offend us? How many times our prayers are unanswered because we regard iniquity in our hearts.

Our Father, please create within us a clean heart and renew a right spirit within us.

Friday, July 18

Scripture, Philippians 2:5

We are taught in the Word that if we will abide in the Lord and His words abide in us we can ask what we will and receive it. The only way we can have the mind of Christ is to let His words abide (live) in us. What a privilege—to *think* like Jesus, *talk* like Jesus and *live* like Jesus! David said, "Thy word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against thee." In order to think the thoughts of Christ we must read His Word and hide it in our hearts. Then when the tempter comes, we can say as did Jesus, "It is written." One person said, concerning living in harmony with God: "Every morning when I get up I affirm good; I



affirm health and well-being; I affirm the Divine supply; I affirm the teachings of Christ, that the kingdom of heaven is within me; I affirm the Lord as love, joy and truth. I affirm service to others as my chief goal." This is a good way to live victoriously—meet God in the morning! Practice His presence; live God-conscious, judgment day-conscious and eternity-conscious! The things of the world then will grow strangely dim.

Dear Jesus, Thou art our example. You did no sin nor was guile found in your mouth. Please help us to live like Thee.

Saturday, July 19

Scripture, 2 Corinthians 10:5

"Controlling" our thoughts—having the mind of Christ—is the essence of this scripture. We can do this only as we yield ourselves to the Holy Ghost, live and move and have our being in Him. Oh, when we learn the beauty of holy living we'll have very little trouble with the "do's" and "don't's." Rather, there will be an ever increasing desire to please Him Who hath chosen us to be "soldiers."

Here are some helps toward having the mind of Christ:

When tempted to worry, remember His words: "Be anxious for nothing."

Tempted to sin, "Neither give place to the devil."

Tempted to fear, "What time I am afraid I will trust in the Lord."

Tempted to unbelief, "Have faith in God."

Tempted to frustration, "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you."

Tempted to loneliness, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee."

Tempted to weakness, "The joy of the Lord is your strength."

Tempted to depression, "Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice."

Tempted to discouragement, "Be strong and of a good courage."

Yes, for every temptation there is a way to escape . . . we will be inexcusable. Victory in the thought life will mean victory in every phase of life.

Our Father, keep us ever in remembrance of thy words to us: Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.

The wealth of a man is the number of things which he loves and blesses, and which he is loved and blessed by.—Thomas Carlyle.

Difficulties afford a platform upon which the Lord can display His power.



## MAYES

The Rev. Jack T. Mayes, an exhorter in the Church of God, passed away December 31, 1957. His home was at 6130 Bowie Street, Shreveport, Louisiana.

—Rev. V. D. Combs  
Overseer of Louisiana

## DIXSON

Brother Meldron Dixson, of Brunswick, Georgia, passed away March 3. He was 66 years old.

Brother Dixson had preached some in the Church of God. He left the testimony that he was ready to go. Our loss is heaven's gain.

—Mary Dedge, reporter

## ELLIOTT

Ernest Lee Elliott, age 16, died March 30, 1958, from a fall from an automobile. The tragedy of such an accident left us who knew him with the feeling that we had lost a wonderful and happy friend. His passing is keenly felt by his family and friends alike. The funeral was conducted by his pastor.

—Wayne Heil, pastor

## WALKER

Joseph R. Walker departed this life on April 7, 1958, at the age of 62. Brother Walker had been a member of the Grand Avenue Church of God, St. Louis, Missouri, for 16 years. He had been a faithful member of the Church of God for 40 years. His passing is sincerely felt as Brother Walker always had such a wonderful testimony. Those who knew him declared that Brother Walker lived what he professed and more than that, was a possessor of the grace and goodness of God. He served the church faithfully with the wisdom of his counsel as a church councilman, with his attendance, and with his finance. We know that the loss of Brother Walker as husband, father and grandfather is heaven's gain.

—Wayne Heil, pastor

## HALL

On April 7 the Lord took our precious little boy, David Keith

Hall, which He had loaned us for only 8 months. We miss him so much, but what a joy it will be to see him again in heaven.

The funeral services were conducted at the Hemphill Avenue Church of God in Atlanta, Georgia, with the Rev. W. E. Johnson and the Rev. Earl P. Paulk, Jr., officiating.

—Rev. and Mrs. W. S. Hall.

## BARKER

On February 20, 1958, death claimed the spirit of Brother Horace M. Barker. I received a call to go pray for him. When I arrived I asked him how he was feeling and he said he was hurting in the chest. We prayed and God blessed him in a great way. He shouted and the Holy Ghost spoke through him. He got up and walked around and sat down in a chair next to me. Then he threw his head back and passed quietly away in a minute's time.

He was a charter member of the Shepherds Fold Church of God in Covington, Louisiana. He accepted the Church and its teachings when the way was fought really hard. He remained true to God and the Church as long as he lived.

His body was laid to rest in the Shepherds Fold cemetery to await the coming of Jesus. He is survived by his wife, Hazel Barker, and 6 children. The funeral was conducted by the Rev. B. D. Gore, assisted by the Rev. R. C. Carter.

May God bless this fine family and comfort them in their hour of sorrow.

—B. D. Gore, pastor

## ROBERTS

Mrs. Lena Roberts, an exhorter in the Church of God, passed away at her home in Oakdale, California, April 15. She was a member of the Attalla, Alabama, Church of God where the Rev. L. M. Holliday is pastor. Her funeral was conducted by her pastor and the Rev. John Robertson.

She is survived by 3 sons, James, Eddie and Arthur, and 1 daughter, Drecla Ann.

—A. V. Beaubé, reporter

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